

THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO
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PRESENTS:



“SUMMER MUSIC
FORUM BY THE BAY”

JUNE 17 & 18, 2011

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA





Summer Music Forum by the Bay **Annunciation Cathedral, San Francisco, CA**

You're Invited!

Please join us for the **2011 Summer Music Forum by the Bay** sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation. We have prepared a new and exciting format for our summer gathering that will include a lot of opportunities for good music, learning, fellowship and fun! San Francisco is a great place to spend a weekend, and we hope that you will join us for this enriching musical experience. Details are enclosed and your prompt response will be appreciated.

In addition to some of our own talented church musicians like Dr. Tikey Zes and Dr. Ted Bogdanos, we will all benefit from the professional presentations by Ragnar Bohlin of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and Laura Kakis Serper of the Crowden Music School in Berkeley, CA and the new conductor of the Ascension Cathedral Choir in Oakland.

Don't delay....register today!

The Hotel

Our hotel is The Parc 55 Wyndham San Francisco-Union Square, www.parc55hotel.com
It is located at 55 Cyril Magnin Street, Market at Fifth, San Francisco, CA 94102
"A Truly Unique Choice among Downtown San Francisco Boutique Hotels"

Escape to a luxurious oasis nestled in the heart of Union Square - the heart of the financial district. This exceptional San Francisco boutique hotel offers a decidedly different experience from typical chain brands.

To book a room, call the hotel at 415-403-6627. The special rate is \$139.00 per night, single or double. Ask for the Church Music Federation rate when booking. Cut-off date for reservations is June 9th.

The City

San Francisco Weather

Typical summer weather in San Francisco can be cool from the low 50's to mid 60's. A typical summer day starts with fog over the City. Most days the sun will burn the fog back from the east toward the ocean. But around 4:00pm the ocean breezes kick up and the fog starts rolling back in over the City and it gets chilly. Remember to dress in layers.



Restaurants

The Parc 55 offers three restaurants to choose from. One block up from the hotel is First Crush Restaurant and Bar for great food and drinks. If you're adventurers, Union Square is two blocks away, about a 7 minute walk. The Cheesecake Factory is there along with several restaurants and shopping. If you're thinking of Italian, North Beach has a good selection of great Italian restaurants. For a huge selection of restaurants, head to Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square or Pier 39. It's a seven minute drive by car or you can take the cable car instead.

Getting around

There are three cable car routes in operation, and it helps to know their respective destinations. At Powell and Market streets, next to the Parc 55, there is a cable car turntable which serves as the beginning stop for two lines, the **Powell-Mason** and **Powell-Hyde** lines. The **Powell-Mason** line begins at the Powell/ Market turntable, and the line runs from there up and over Nob Hill and down to Bay Street at Fisherman's Wharf. The **Powell-Hyde** line also begins at the Powell Market turntable and runs over Nob and Russian hills before ending at Aquatic Park near Ghirardelli Square. Both these lines end near Fisherman's Wharf, but at different areas, and the routes are significantly different. Paying close attention to the signs on the cable cars will help you distinguish where in Fisherman's Wharf you will find yourself.

The **California** Street line runs East-West from the Financial District, through Chinatown, over Nob Hill and stops at Van Ness Avenue. Since all the cars on this line have the same routes, the signs are painted directly on the car.

Driving Directions

Driving Directions from SF Airport to Hotel

San Francisco International Airport (SFO): Follow 101 North and merge onto Interstate 80. Take the Seventh Street exit. Merge right to Bryant Street. Turn left on Fifth Street. Cross Market Street. Fifth Street becomes Cyril Magnin. The carriage entrance to the hotel is on the left side of Cyril Magnin.

Public Transportation from SF Airport to Hotel

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART): Guests may board BART at the airport, taking any train heading toward Downtown San Francisco/Powell Street, including all of the following lines; Pittsburgh Bay Point, Richmond, Pleasanton, Dublin and Fremont. Exit the train at the Powell Street stop, the hotel is located just steps from the station.

Driving Directions from Oakland Airport to Hotel

Oakland International Airport (OAK): Cross the Bay Bridge. Take Fifth Street exit. Turn right on Fifth Street. Cross Market Street. Fifth Street becomes Cyril Magnin. The Wyndham Parc 55 Union Square Hotel's carriage entrance is on the left side of Cyril Magnin.

PLEASE NOTE:

Transportation capability to/from the church and hotel is very limited. For those who will have cars, it would be much appreciated if you would drive your own vehicles. Help with the carpooling would be highly appreciated.

Driving Directions from Hotel to Church (1.54 Miles)

From Cyril Magnin Street, Turn **Left** on Ellis Street, and then **Left** on Mason Street. **Right** on Market Street for 1.1 miles. **Left** on Valencia Street. Church will be on left. The address is 245 Valencia Street.

Driving Directions from Church to Hotel

From Church, head South on Valencia Street, **Left** on 14th Street, **Left** on S. Van Ness Ave, **Right** on Eddy Street, **Left** on Cyril Magnin Street.

Driving Directions from Church to Metropolis House

North on Valencia Street, **Left** on Duboce Ave, **Slight Left** onto Market Street which becomes Portola Drive, **Left** on Santa Clara Avenue, House is on the right. The Address is 372 Santa Clara Avenue.

Metropolis House to Hotel

Drive south on Santa Clara which becomes Monterey Blvd. Merge onto I-280 N toward Civic Center/Bay Bridge. **Exit** Sixth Street, **Right** on Folsom Street, 1st **Left** on 5th Street, 55 Cyril Magnin is on Left.

Summer Forum Highlights

The presenters:

Ragnar Bohlin, conductor of the Grammy Award winning San Francisco Symphony Chorus, will lead us in a session designed to build your skills as a singer that will last a lifetime.

Laura Kakis Serper, Founder of the Kairos Youth Choir and Choral Director at both Ascension Cathedral in Oakland and The Crowden Music School Choruses, specializes in young voices. Her knowledge will enlighten conductors in gathering and inspiring our youth to be a part of the churches future.

Theodore Bogdanos, renowned composer and conductor, will offer a unique teaching experience in our church's musical history and how it has evolved into today's hymnology.

Father Aris P. Metrakos, Proistamenos of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco. He is a dynamic speaker and has conducted retreats in the U.S. and abroad inspiring adults and our youth through his life experiences and his walk as an Orthodox Christian.

Friday Night Dinner

What a beautiful way to spend your evening with a catered dinner at the home of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. Visit a beautiful San Francisco neighborhood and break bread with the Shepherd of our Metropolis.

His Eminence is awaiting our arrival and is thrilled that we can be joining him. This is a once in a life time opportunity that you don't want to miss.



Food, Food, Food!!!

It's all about the food, right?

It's a fast-free week so we have some wonderful meals planned for everyone. You will not be disappointed! Alpha Catering will be providing all our wonderful meals.

Come Sing for Divine Liturgy

For those who wish to sing on Sunday with the Annunciation Cathedral Choir, please join their guest conductor, Kristen Bruskas at 10:00am for Divine Liturgy. Bring your Desby Books!! Transportation to the church is on your own.

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Annunciation Cathedral, San Francisco, CA

Schedule of Events

Friday June 17, 2011

- 3:00 pm** Registration begins at Cathedral
- 3:00 pm** Transportation from hotel to Cathedral
- 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Business Meeting check-in
- 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm** Summer Business Meeting and Elections
- 5:45 pm** Transportation to Metropolis House
- 6:00 pm** Reception followed by Dinner at 6:45 pm for participating registrants
- 9:00 pm** Transportation to Parc 55 Hotel

Saturday June 18, 2011

- 7:00 am** Transportation from hotel to Cathedral
- 7:30 am - 8:30 am** Registration and Breakfast

Morning Program

- 8:30 am – 10:00 am** Fr. Aris Metrakos, Speaker
- 10:00 am - 11:15 am** New Music read through with Dr. Tikey Zes
- 11:15 am – 11:30 am** Break
- 11:30 am – 12:45 pm** Dr. Ted Bogdanos, Speaker

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch

Afternoon Program

- 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm** Laura Kakis, speaker
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm** Break
- 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm** Ragnar Bohlin, keynote speaker/workshop

5:30 pm Transportation back to Parc 55 Hotel

Sunday June 19, 2011

All are invited to participate/sing with the Annunciation Cathedral Choir
Guest Director: Kristen Bruskas
Divine Liturgy starts at 10:00 am
Transportation is on your own

Speaker Profiles

Ragnar Bohlin

Ragnar has been Director of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus since 2007. He holds a masters degree in organ and conducting and a postgraduate degree in conducting from the Conservatory of Music in Stockholm. Bohlin studied conducting with choral conductor Eric Ericson, piano with Peter Feuchtwanger in London and voice with the great Swedish tenor Nicolai Gedda. With his Swedish choirs KFUMs Chamber Choir, the Maria Magdalena Motet Choir and the Maria Vocal Ensemble, Bohlin has won numerous prizes in international competitions. He has appeared regularly on Swedish radio and recorded a CD with the Swedish Radio Choir and has also worked with The Ericson Chamber Choir and the Royal Opera Choir of Stockholm. He has taught at the Conservatory in Stockholm and has been a visiting professor at Indiana University, Michigan University and Miami University. Since 2009 he teaches at the SF Conservatory of Music. He was the recipient of the 2010 Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance for the recording of Mahler's Symphony no 8. Bohlin has also been awarded with the Johannes Norrby-medalion for expanding the horizon of the Swedish choral scene. Bohlin currently teaches at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Laura Kakis Serper

Laura has vast experience in directing children's choirs, including a chorus she founded, Kairos Youth Choir in Berkeley; where her Greek heritage inspired its name. She directs The Crowden School Choruses, who have appeared with San Francisco Symphony Chorus and orchestra for several seasons.

She has been on the music faculty of the San Francisco Girls' Chorus and the San Francisco Boys' Chorus, where she was the Artistic Director for three years.

She is currently the Choral Director of the adult choir at the Ascension Cathedral in Oakland, and a vocal soloist, when not fully engaged in home schooling her active eight-year-old son. Ms. Kakis Serper received her degrees in Music Education and Voice Performance from the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music as well as Westminster Choir College, and the Aspen Music Institute. In January 2010, she was honored with a special commendation on the Senate floor by the State Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner for Kairos Choirs' twenty years of service to the Bay Area Community. Her choral educational approach with children focuses on nurturing the qualities of leadership and compassion, with the emphasis on the importance of global community.

Dr. Theodore Bogdanos

Ted Bogdanos received his Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and taught at San Jose State University for 26 years as professor of English and European literature of the Middle Ages. He has done extensive research in the United States and in Europe in Byzantine literature and music. He has taught Byzantine musical theory and had transcribed and translated a large body of Byzantine chant. He also has written choral music for various services of the church and has served as chanter and choir director.

Rev. Fr. Aris P. Metrakos

Father Aris holds a Master of Divinity (Summa Cum Laude) from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA, where he was student body president and the recipient of numerous awards for academic excellence. Prior to attending Holy Cross, Father Aris attended and graduated from the US Naval Academy with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Designated a Naval Aviator, he flew the P-3C Orion with Patrol Squadron 49 in Jacksonville, FL, where he and Presvytera Valerie (Decker) met while singing together in the church choir. He is also a talented guitarist, an amateur linguist, and a former martial artist with two black belts in Karate.

A contributing columnist to *OrthodoxyToday.org*, Father Aris has also been featured in *The Presbyter* and *Praxis*. He travels regularly to lead programs and retreats for adults, dealing with a variety of themes including Missions, Parish Renewal, Evangelism, Prayer, and Spirituality. He also has extensive experience in planning and leading large youth retreats. Through the summer of 2007, Father Aris was active in the Metropolis of Atlanta's St. Stephen Summer Camp, which he helped to establish in 1993. He has also worked with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center's ministry in Romania to find ways to strengthen their youth ministry through a variety of efforts, including leading two short-term mission teams.

Father Aris and Presvytera Valerie are blessed with two sons, Nicholas (1990) and Stefan (1994).



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REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is June 9th 2011 – No Refunds

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____

Parish _____ Parish City _____

Emergency Contact _____ Tel. _____

Office Use

Date Rec'd _____

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Check No. _____

Please mark the appropriate boxes below:

- Adult Choir Member
- Youth Choir Member
- Chanter

- Choir Director
- Organist
- Parish Priest
- Federation Delegate

- Soprano
- Alto
- Tenor
- Bass/Baritone

Registration Fees

- Registration (required for all participants) \$140.00 \$ _____
- Late Registration (if mailed after 6/9/2011) \$160.00 \$ _____

Additional Tickets *Spouses of registered participants only.*

- Friday Evening Dinner Event \$30.00 x ----- \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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